

You have the power to Donate Life.



Be an
organ, eye
and tissue
donor.

Mario, liver recipient



You have the power to Donate Life.



You have the power to change someone's world by being an organ, eye and tissue donor. It's about living. It's about Life.

Organ, eye and tissue transplants offer patients a new chance at healthy, productive and normal lives and return them to their families, friends and communities.

Transplantation is one of the most remarkable success stories in the history of medicine. It provides hope to thousands of people with organ failure. In addition, transplanted tissue offers hundreds of thousands of people active and renewed lives. But transplantation requires the commitment of organ, eye and tissue donors. Unfortunately, the need for donors is much greater than the number of people who actually donate.



Johnathan Sim, organ donor

"My friends lovingly reminded me that Johnathan was all about leaving a legacy - he would have wanted nothing more than to give life to others even in his last days" - Kelly Sim, donor wife



Trevor Osler, tissue donor

"Trevor registered to be a donor because he wanted to help others, but his decision also helped us to move forward without him. We are so proud and grateful he made this decision for us ahead of time."

- Tracy & Scott Osler, donor parents

Statistics on Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation

- Last year, approximately 8,000 deceased donors made possible nearly 22,000 organ transplants. In addition, there were more than 6,000 transplants from living donors.
- Over 42,000 sight-restoring corneal transplants were performed in the U.S. last year.
- Each year, lifesaving and life-enhancing tissue is provided by approximately 30,000 tissue donors.
- The need for donated organs, corneas and tissue continues to grow. More than 100,000 men, women and children currently await lifesaving organ transplants. Sadly, an average of 18 people die each day due to a lack of available organs.

You have the power to Donate Life.
As a donor, you can save and enhance the lives of more than 50 people. Donated organs and tissue may include the following:

Organs	Tissue
heart	bones
intestines	corneas
kidneys	heart valves
liver	skin
lungs	tendons
pancreas	veins

How the donation process works
Your commitment to donation will not interfere with your medical care. Organ, eye and tissue donation becomes an option only after all lifesaving efforts have been made. Consent for donation is confirmed, and your family is asked to participate in the process by providing your medical history.

Surgical procedures are used to recover donated organs, eyes and tissue. The body is always treated with great care, respect and dignity.

Who receives donated organs and tissue
Organs are distributed based upon medical information like blood type, body size, and tissue type matching through a national computer network operated by the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS). It is illegal to distribute organs based on non-medical information such as wealth, citizenship or celebrity status.

Tissue is distributed based upon patient need, availability and medical criteria.



"I am fortunate to be able to have this gift of life and I want to make the most of it."
- Robin Prentice, double-lung recipient

Robin Prentice, double-lung recipient with her mother, Dee Prentice

Donate Life America is a not-for-profit alliance of national organizations and state teams across the United States, serving as a national voice and inspiring all people to save and enhance lives through organ, eye and tissue donation.

Facts about Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation

- FACT:** People of all ages and medical histories should consider themselves potential donors.
- FACT:** Your medical condition at the time of death will determine what organs and tissue can be donated.
- FACT:** Tissue is needed to replace bone, tendons and ligaments lost to trauma, cancer and other diseases in order to improve strength, mobility, and independence. Corneas are needed to restore sight. Skin grafts help burn patients heal and often mean the difference between life and death. Heart valves repair cardiac defects and damage.
- FACT:** Most major religions support organ, eye and tissue donation as an unselfish act of charity.
- FACT:** Donation should not delay or change funeral arrangements. An open casket funeral is possible.
- FACT:** There is no cost to the donor's family or estate for donation. The donor family pays only for medical expenses before death and costs associated with funeral arrangements.
- FACT:** In the United States, it is illegal to buy or sell organs or tissue for transplantation.
- FACT:** It is possible to donate life to others as a living kidney or partial liver, lung, intestine or pancreas donor.

Visit www.DonateLifeToday.com for more information.

3691027648

Instructions:
Please print clearly in UPPERCASE letters. All fields are required.
Information is confidential and will be used only for registry purposes.

First Name **M.I.** **Last Name** **Gender** ☐ M ☐ F

Number & Street Address

City **State** **Zip Code**

Phone Number **Birth Date**

License or State ID Number (OPTIONAL)

☐ YES, all needed organs or tissues for transplant
OR
☐ YES, only the following organs and/or tissues for transplant (please check those you agree to donate)

Organs	Eyes	Tissues
<input type="checkbox"/> Heart	<input type="checkbox"/> Eyes (Corneas Only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Heart (for Valves)
<input type="checkbox"/> Kidneys	<input type="checkbox"/> Eyes (Whole Globe)	<input type="checkbox"/> Upper Body Bone
<input type="checkbox"/> Lungs		<input type="checkbox"/> Bone and Connective Tissue
<input type="checkbox"/> Pancreas		<input type="checkbox"/> Skin
<input type="checkbox"/> Liver		<input type="checkbox"/> Veins
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Intestine		

☐ YES, for research: only if organs and tissues cannot be used for transplant
(organ and tissue donation does not include whole body donation for research)

Signature **Date**

Parent/Guardian Signature (Required if under age 15 in MT or 15 1/2 in WA)

Where did you get this brochure?